

REMARKS

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed on June 8, Applicant elects Group I, i.e., Claims 1–27, with traverse. *See*, Office Action at Page 2. Applicant hereby reserves the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications directed to the unelected subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the particular technical features of the terminal processing unit recited by Claim 28 in order to unite Groups I and II with respect to inventive concept, as suggested by the Office Action (Page 2). Applicant notes that these particular technical features were recited by Claim 2, which has been canceled accordingly. Claim 1 has also been amended for reasons unrelated to patentability, e.g., consistency, clarity, etc., Claim 3 has been amended to depend from Claim 1, Claims 21, 22 and 26 have been amended to comport with Claim 1, while Claim 20 has been voluntarily amended to be consistent with Claim 1. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner reconsider and rejoin Groups I and II, and examine Claims 1 and 3–32 on the merits. *See*, MPEP § 806.05(c).

If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and to credit any overpayments that may be required by this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.

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